



# **DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

04/23/03

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## **PLACEMENTS UP 4%**

For the week ending April 19, 2003, growers placed 11.8 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 4.3% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) increased 1.0% from the comparable week in 2002. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 15.2 million, an increase of 3.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending April 12, 2003 compared to 11.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2002.

## **AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA**

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
02/22/03	14,797	13,818	12,161	12,082	11,711	12,082
03/01/03	14,767	14,050	12,293	11,961	12,295	11,961
03/08/03	14,224	14,829	12,315	10,815	12,293	10,815
03/15/03	14,817	14,995	12,179	11,405	12,317	11,405
03/22/03	13,885	14,400	12,153	11,592	12,179	11,592
03/29/03	14,349	14,356	11,701	12,210	12,154	12,210
04/05/03	14,714	15,118	12,141	12,425	11,776	12,425
04/12/03	14,450	15,032	11,335	11,861	12,532	11,861
04/19/03	14,642	15,202	11,701	11,822	11,335	11,822

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

## **NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/**

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	04/26/03			
New York Weighted Avg	52.24	52.14	54.95	45.82
12-City Composite 2/	57.61	57.87	60.89	54.09